

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez announced today over \$500,000 in Federal grants for the University of Texas San Antonio.

"These grants for the University of Texas at San Antonio are valuable contributions to the University's various research projects," said Congressman Rodriguez. "I am excited to see the great opportunities for exploration that will result from these grants and proud to be supportive of this step forward."

The university has received \$23,058.00 from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The funds will be allocated for the International Conference on Occupational Voice Research, which will be held at the University of Texas San Antonio October 12 and 13 of this year. The conference will bring together experts from Europe and the United States to discuss the use of voice in the workforce and how vocal strains contribute to fatigue.

A grant of \$199,336 was also awarded by the National Institute of Nursing Research for an assessment of the pain descriptor system and its accuracy in diagnosing pain levels, which will include the testing of a new psychological method for the assessment of pain and the role of language in assessing pain.

The National Science Foundation also granted \$374,482.00 for a research project in radio frequency identification (RFID) technologies, which intends to investigate decentralized control architectures and decision-making models driven by shop floor level real-time data and contributes significantly to the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing.

For more information or assistance with Federal grants, please contact Congressman Rodriguez at 1-866-915-3493.